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**UNDER 37 CFR §1.56**

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The foregoing documents came to Applicants' attention during a search of the corresponding European application. A copy of the European Search Report setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the examiner is attached.

Applicants wish to advise the Examiner that documents US 4,674,804, US 5,472,264, EP 0 649 781 and WO 01/07307, cited in the European Search Report, were previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement dated October 1, 2004, and are not provided herewith.

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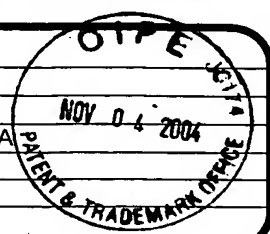
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